

**SANDPOINT ARTS COMMISSION MEETING
MONDAY, OCTOBER 16, 2017
5:30 PM CITY HALL COUNCIL CHAMBERS
1123 LAKE STREET**

COMMISSION MEMBERS PRESENT: Megan Cherry, Carol Deaner, Ffion Soltis, Tammy Farmin, Elle Susnis, Carol Kovalchuk

COUNCIL/STAFF MEMBERS PRESENT: Councilman Tom Eddy, City Staff liaison Melissa Bethel - Minutes

COUNCIL/COMMISSION MEMBERS ABSENT: Matt Kerr, Dyno Wahl, Ellinor Allen (student liaison)

Chairman Deaner called the meeting to order at 4:00 pm.

MATTERS FROM THE PUBLIC: None

Approval of Minutes:

Cherry moved and Kovalchuk second to approve the minutes of September 18, 2017. **Motion passes unanimously.**

New Business:

Election of Chair/Vice Chair: Deaner stated there are projects still in flux that she would like to see completed and would like to stay as Chair for another 6 months. Susnis agreed it would make for a smoother transition.

Motion:

Soltis moved and Kovalchuk second to approve Carol Deaner as Chair and Susnis as Vice Chair **Motion passes unanimously.**

Old Business:

Committee updates:

Budget/Long range planning: Deaner, Susnis, Farmin, Kovalchuk

Kovalchuk stated she will give the Commission quarterly and yearly updates on the budget. As of SURA meeting 10-3-17 the Public Art budgets total: Downtown funds \$81,438.32; Northern \$124,634.45. The Roundabout budget totals \$113,500.00.

Fundraising/grants: Wahl, Soltis, Deaner, Susnis

Soltis stated there is an Idaho Commission of Arts grant for \$1500.00 that is due in December. Soltis stated the funds could be used towards the statue on Cedar. The Commission discussed trying to get private funds to help with the piece. Staff will look into the protocol for grant writing.

Projects:

a. Stainless Steel Boxes; Farmin, Deaner, Soltis, Allen

Soltis showed pictures of the boxes with the designs and explained the three options for finish. Antique Bronze; which would cost \$1000.00, Silver, which would cost \$350, or a grind and clear coat for \$585. Soltis stated the budget was 10,650 and there is money still available for the finish.

Motion:

Soltis moved and Farmin second to use antique bronze as panel finishes on the boxes for \$942.00

Motion passes 5-1 with Kovalchuk dissenting.

Soltis explained there are also temporary plates for when art is not displayed on the boxes. Soltis stated she does not have a quote for the top plates. Soltis stated the permanent plates are included in the original bid.

Motion to approve temporary top plate finish:

Cherry moved and Kovalchuk second to have all temporary top plates be silver finish for no more than \$400.00.

Motion passes unanimously.

Recommendation of Jury selected art for Silver Boxes:

Deaner went over the three finalists:

Soltis stated the artist from Priest River submitted a good call within the parameters. Kovalchuk stated the piece is beautiful and will appeal to those people who do not like abstract art.

Soltis stated the piece by Donald Caden had issues because there were not three separate images. She also inquired how the art would be handled since he is in a nursing home in California. Staff advised his art is handled by his agent who is aware of the parameters regarding placement and removal.

Soltis stated the piece by Stacy Hughes will require maintenance. Soltis stated there is a weight limit and the estimated weight is 200 pounds.

Soltis stated Café was a learning experience by did not line up with how art was picked in the past. Farmin stated more time should have been given to the artists and opening up the call to a broader area would have increased the applicant pool. Soltis stated she is concerned the applications are not representative of a good pool of submittals. Kovalchuk stated if an artist is expected to create a new piece more time would be needed than the call allowed. Deaner stated the quality of work was not good and if more money was offered a better quality of applicants would apply. Deaner stated the Commission should step back and leave the project for awhile. Deaner stated she and another Commission decided the boxes will not fit within the area designated.

Cherry stated the project could be reimagined in the Cedar Street bump outs and shifting from on loan program to just purchasing art work is better. She added artists do not find the art on loan as attractive. Cherry stated art on loan is a lot of work for the commission and the Commission will get more if more money is offered.

Eddy inquired about the public involvement and that maybe as the project continues as it was approved and with more exposure the artists might see the value of submitting art.

Cherry stated the focus should be on quality not quantity.

The Commission discussed what to communicate to the artists.

Motion:

Soltis moved and Cherry second to recommend the City Council select none of the artists and the Council place the project on hold temporarily until a new project can be forwarded to City Council.

Motion passes unanimously.

b. Schweitzer Roundabout; Dills, Cherry, Deaner, Susnis

Cherry stated the project went to SURA and City Council and was approved to put onto café with an amendment that the call be open nationwide with preference given to local artists.

Cherry stated the jury will meet before selection to go over parameters and then possibly again after the on line vote.

The call will stay open for preliminary designs until end of December.

c. Hydrant Project:

Deaner stated she met with Heather Guthrie and her art club will do the hydrants in the spring.

d. Website Committee

Deaner stated she and matt met and he will be working on the website

Matters from Commission or staff:

Deaner stated Steve Holt has mentioned he would like some public art at the Granary and she and Susnis will meet with him to discuss.

Potential November meeting date change due to Holiday. The Commission agreed to change the November 20th meeting to November 13th and cancel the December meeting.

Meeting adjourned at 5:35 p.m.

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COUNCIL/STAFF MEMBERS PRESENT: City Administrator Jennifer Stapleton, Aaron Qualls Economic & Planning Director, Grants Administrator Sean Scoggin, Councilman Tom Eddy, City Staff liaison Melissa Bethel - Minutes

COUNCIL/COMMISSION MEMBERS ABSENT: Carol Kovalchuk, Dyno Wahl, Ellinor Allen (student liaison)

Vice Chairman Susnis called the meeting to order at 4:00 pm.

MATTERS FROM THE PUBLIC: None

Approval of Minutes:

Soltis clarified the Silver Box sculpture pieces were discussed in ascending order.

Soltis moved and Cherry second to approve the minutes of October 16, 2017. **Motion passes unanimously.**

New Business:

City Administrator Jennifer Stapleton & Grants Administrator Sean Scoggin:

Stapleton spoke regarding structure and protocol of Committee and Commissions.

Stapleton stated there has been some concern with the Silver Box project. She advised the Commission if there are any changes to the project, it needs to go back to City Council. The Commission discussed the location of the silver boxes and explained there has been some discussion to change the placement of the boxes and eliminate the art on loan aspect.

Deaner arrived at 4:35.

Stapleton stated there seems to be two issues; the location of the boxes and the art loan program. Stapleton advised the Commission the boxes need to be placed to get reimbursement from SURA as this project is treated as a City grant. She encouraged the Commission to move forward with the project and potentially change the nature of the art on loan project next year.